

Wycombe in hard fight

Wycombe 4 Chesham 3

HANDICAPPED by injury to their inside right Wood soon after the start, Chesham showed tremendous spirit in this Berks and Bucks Senior Cup third round tie.

In a game of robust tackling and at times frayed tempers, Wycombe produced more constructive football but Chesham, the holders, were menacing in hard-hitting counter-attacks.

King and McCaffrey were often prominent although marksmanship was usually kept at long range by Wycombe's defence in depth.

Wycombe had the better of the first half. Bates scored from a penalty after 27 minutes but shortly before half-time King equalised in a breakaway.

Lively left-winger Merrick scored two goals for Wycombe after sparkling solo runs within 10 minutes of the resumption, but in the 59th minute McCaffrey replied for Chesham after a penalty by Scott had been saved by Bunting.

Bates headed another for Wanderers before a second penalty, converted at the second attempt by right-back Dunton kept Chesham in with a chance.

In the last 10 minutes Wycombe had all they could do to hold their lead.

Wycombe triumph in close game

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WYCOMBE Wanderers set a lively pace, in spite of difficult conditions, in their Berks and Bucks Senior Cup Third Round game against Chesham United, the holders, and won 4-3 after a hard fight.

Wycombe Wanderers: Bunting; Bradshaw, Beck; Baker, Rundle, Gale; Roystone, Samuels, Bates, Horseman, Merrick.

Chesham Utd.: Lumley; A. Dunton, Wakefield; Kelly, B. Dunton, Scott; King, Wood, Roberts, McCaffery, Bristow.

Referee: A. D. Appleby (Great Horwood).

Chesham's inside right, Wood was injured in the first tackle of the game and had to go off for attention.

He soon resumed and Wycombe's No. 7, Roystone, enlivened the proceedings with a tremendous 40-yard drive which went just over the bar.

Wycombe eventually took the lead in the 27th minute when Beck was fouled in the area and BATES scored from the penalty.

A little later Wood returned to play on the right wing, but the Chesham attack was rarely in the picture until three minutes before half-time when right winger KING broke through to equalise for Chesham.

Half-time: Wycombe Wanderers 1, Chesham United 1.

Attacking with great gusto Wycombe restored their lead three minutes after the restart when MERRICK seized on a pass from Horseman and forged through on his own to beat the advancing goalkeeper.

There was still plenty of fight in Chesham and when Gale was penalised in the area in the 58th minute inside-left McCAFFREY ran up to score after Bunting had saved the penalty kick by Scott.

Five minutes afterwards, however, BATES added another for Wycombe with a fine header from Horseman's pass and only some daring saves by goalkeeper Lumley prevented them from adding to their lead in a series of powerful attacks.

King missed one great chance for Chesham but in the 81st minute, in mounting excitement, Chesham pulled back another when A. DUNTON scored from a penalty at the second attempt after a foul on King.

Result: Wycombe Wanderers 4, Chesham United 3.